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'The following Letter, (taken from the laſt 'Leiden Gazette) was written by Lieutenant 'General Fagel to the States; to acquaint 'them with the taking of Valenza d' Alcan-'tara by ſtorm. He had the (Conduct as 'Geneарl) of the Troops of the Allies em-'ploy'd in that Action; and as his Account 'of it is therefore the moſt Authentick of any, 'ſo it contains ſeveral Particulars not given 'in thoſe Relations that have hitherto been 'publiſh'd.

High and Mighty Lords, my Sovereigns,

'IN Diſcharge of my Duty I humbly notifie 'to your High Mightineſſes, That after 'the Troops had drawn together, and that the 'Army was form'd the 26th of April near A-'ronches in Alentejo, we march'd the 30th 'of the ſame Month with a Train of Artillery 'of about 20 Field-Pieces, 10 Twenty-four 'Pounders, and 2 Sixteen Pounders, the Army 'being commanded by the Conde das Gal-'veas, and 3 Lieutenant-Generals, who al-'ternately command each in his Week. It 'was the Earl of Galway's turn to command 'during our March, till the 2d of this Month, 'when the Army arriv'd here before Valenza 'd' Alcantara; and it being my turn to begin 'to command the 3d, I reſolv'd to puſh on 'the Siege with all poſſible Vigour, not know-'ing how much time it might take us up, it 'being reported the Garriſon was 2000 Men 'ſtrong. We found the Town was fortified 'by a Covert-Way, by ſeveral Baſtions, and 'by other Fortifications, as well as its Situa-'tion among the Rocks would permit; that 'there was likewiſe an old Caſtle, in which 'was a high Tower whereon the Enemy had 'plac'd ſeveral Pieces of Cannon that did us 'the moſt Damage, that this Caſtle was for-'tified with a good Rampart and 4 Baſtions 'fac.d with Stone, and that there was alſo a 'detach'd Baſtion with a Covert-Way, for 'its Defence. All which conſider'd, made 'it doubtful the Place could not be taken 'very ſoon, eſpecially ſeeing the Garriſon 'appear'd determin'd to make a very good 'Defence. That no Time might be loſt, I 'caus'd the Trenches to be open'd that very 'Day (the 3d Inſtant,) with ſo much Succeſs, 'that they were carried on a conſiderable 'Way. The 5th I had 8 Mortars and 6 of 'the heavieſt Pieces of Cannon on one Bat-'tery, notwithſtanding the great Fire of the 'Enemy, who were provided with large and 'good Artillery. The 6th we began to bat-'ter the Town, and at Night ſummon'd it to 'ſurrender; but the Anſwer return'd by the 'Beſieged not being ſatisfactory, we conti-'nued our cannonading. The 7th I deſign'd 'to give an Aſſault, and all the neceſſary Di-'ſpoſitions for it were made; but going into 'the Approaches and finding the Enemy be-'ing appriz'd of our Deſign were poſted in 'great Number on the Ramparts, and that 'they made a terrible Fire on all Sides, I 'durſt not venture to attack them upon my 'own ſingle Judgement, but thought it better 'to follow the Advice of the other Generals, 'who were all unanimouſly of Opinion it 'ſhould be deferr'd. However, 300 Men 'whom I had commanded out to give the 'Onſet, viz. 100 Portugueſe, 100 Engliſh, 'and 100 Dutch, were plac'd at the Head of 'the Trenches, our formoſt Approaches be-'ing within 100 Paces of the Breach: the 'Dutch that were that Day in the Trenches 'were reliev'd by the Terzas of Don Franciſ-'co Naper Dalencaſtro and of the Conde de 'Concoly. The Conde del Rio, Major Ge-'neral, had the Command of them. I caus'd 'this Detachment and the Terzas to be rein-'forc'd by the Regiment of Engliſh com-'manded by Collonel Dunckaſſon, and by 'the Dutch Regiment of the Cou[illegible] 'elles commanded by Lieutenant Colonel 'Veerpoorten. The ſame Night I cau[illegible]d 2 'new Batteries to be rais'd, as alſo a good 'Number of ſmall Mortars to throw Grenadoes 'to be plac'd as near the Breach as poſſible, to 'facilitate the Attack. All theſe Preparations 'being made, and the Enemy ſtill appearing 'reſolv'd to defend themſelves: expecting Suc-'cours which they had been promis'd by the 'Marquis de Bay, who was arriv'd with 4000 'Horſe at Piedra-Buena within 4 Leagues of 'us, where he gave out he ſhould be joyn'd 'by 3000 Spaniards more and by all the 'French Troops, and that he would attempt 'to relieve this important Place: All being 'ready, I ſay, and the other Generals approv-'ing my Reſolution to give an Aſſault, I 'made the Signal the 8th, at 7 a Clock in the 'Morning; and thereupon all the Troops 'commanded on this Service march'd in good 'Order towards the Breach. The Enemy 'who were intrench'd behind the Breach, 'ſtood their Ground firm, and there was as 'much Vigour and Courage ſhewn on both 'Sides as I ever ſaw on the like Occaſion; 'thus the Diſpute held till the Engliſh and 'Dutch that were order'd to ſupport the As-'ſailants had mounted the Breach, and forc'd the Enemy to retire. The Enemy ſprunga 'Mine, but that did not ſtop our Men, and 'ſo the Town was entred Sword in Hand. 'By good Fortune for us, this Succeſs ſtruck 'ſuch a Dread into thoſe who were in the

'Caſtle,

'Caſtle, that contrary to all our Expectations 'they hung out a white Flag, and yielded 'themſelves Priſoners of War. The Inhabi-'tants had lodg'd their beſt Effects in the 'Caſtle, for their greater Security; we could 'not hinder the Soldiers from plundering ac-'cording to the Maxims of War.

'I cannot forbear to congratulate your 'High Mightineſſes upon this Advantage: 'I wiſh this Acquiſition may open a Way to 'further Succeſſes in this War, of which your 'High Mightines bear ſo great a ſhare. I will 'only add, that the Liſt of the kill'd and 'wounded is not yet made out, but the moſt 'conſiderable of them are, Collonel Don 'Franciſco Naper de Alencaſtro kill'd, and 'Don Juan d' Atayde Major-General and 'Collonel Duncaſſon wounded. The Troops 'of your High Mightineſſes that were in this 'Action, behav'd themſelves perfectly well, 'and took a Colours of the Terza of Don 'Diego Davila, which I will ſend to your 'High Mightineſſes, that if you think fit it 'may have the Honour of being hung up a-'mong others.

I am,
High and Mighty Lords,
Your High Mightineſſes
moſt Obedient Servant,
F. N. Ba on of *Fagel.*

From the Camp before Valença de Alcantara, May 8. 1705.

Acted but once theſe 20 Years.
For the Benefit of Mr. Baggs and Mr. Hall.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, on To-morrow being the 19th of June, will be preſented, The laſt Reviv'd Comedy, call'd, The Royal Meſchont; or Beggar's Buſh. With ſeveral Entertainments of Singing in Engliſh and Italian by Mrs. Tofts, and variety of Dancing.

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AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this preſent Monday the 19th. of June, will be Reviv'd, a Comedy, call'd, The Virtuous Wife: or, Good Luck at Laſt.

Deſerted from Captain Goreing of the honourable Collonel Soame's Regiment, Thomas Hagland aged 32 Years, a thick ſet Fellow, wears his own black Hair, ſilver Buttons upon his Coat and Waſtcoat. Thomas Cornford aged about 30 Years, a Butcher, at Lewis in Suſſex wore his own black Hair. Thomas Price aged 40 Years, wore his own brown Hair, has been a Vagabond all his Life. William James aged 25 Years, a Warriner in St. Leonard's Forreſt. William Toolett aged about 25 Years, a thick luſty Fellow, a Warriner of the ſaid Forreſt. Richard Michell aged 23 or 24 Years a Husbandman in Suſſex, wears his own dark Hair and goes Lame. Henry Claſſing, a Taylor aged 34 Years, wears his own black Hair, he is a Dutchman. William Farlonger aged 23 or 24 Years, a Husbandman in Suſſex. John Mills aged 35 Years, a thick ſet Fellow, he has been a Sailor and is wounded in the Neck with a Muſquet Ball. Robert Sturt aged 35 Years, ſhort black Hair, a Broom-Carrier. John Box aged 36 Years, a Black-Smith, he has had a Wound in his right Wriſt. Edward Wakeham aged 30 Years, ſhort ſighted with one Eye. Samuel Taylor aged about 30 Years, ſix Foot high, a thin black Man. If they will return to the Captain's Quarters at Ipſwich in Suffolk by the 27th Inſtant, they ſhall be pardon'd, otherwiſe proſecuted according to Law if taken. Whoever can diſcover and give notice to the Captain after that Time, that they may be had again ſhall have half a Guinea for each Man, and reaſonable Charges.

Loſt the 15th Inſtant at Nine a Clock at Night, near Lincolns-Inn Gate in Chancery-lane, a parcel of Embroidered Loops, ſome with Gold and Silver, and ſome with Silk. Whoever ſhall bring them to Mr. John Palmer at the King's-Head in Newſtreet, near St. Martins-lane Weſtminſter, ſhall have Ten Shillings Reward.

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